Redefining Forests and Communities for Sustainability: New Frameworks and Applications

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Forests and forest-based communities are facing changing economic, environmental, social and cultural conditions that challenge their ability to pursue sustainability. To address these challenges, new frameworks such as "resilience", "intersectionality", "ecosystem goods and services", and "biocultural diversity" suggest attention should be given to a much wider and more dynamic set of principles and a broader set of actors than was envisioned by the international community when sustainable forest management was introduced in the 1990s. This special issue will invite authors who have conducted research with forest-based communities to explain one of these frameworks, describe its key features, and demonstrate its application to forest sustainability through the particulars of a local context. Empirical research will feature articles from the global north and global south that have both a theoretical and an empirical contribution, with an effort to share transferable lessons, while recognizing that local context will always be a primary consideration when pursuing sustainability in forestry.

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